

LVA welcomes High Court decision in publicans vs FBD case

The Licensed Vintners Association has welcomed the High Court's decision in favour of the publicans in their business interruption cover case against FBD.

"The LVA welcomes today's High Court decision in favour of three of our members (Noel Anderson, Chris Kelly Group, Loyola Group) and Sean's Bar, Athlone in their case against FBD for Covid-19 business interruption cover," said Donall O'Keeffe, Chief Executive of the LVA.

"These publicans deserve enormous credit as their action will prove critical to pubs with similar policies right around Ireland.

"It was grossly unfair that these family businesses had to go to the High Court against the might of a publicly quoted insurer to have their claims validated.

"We are now calling on insurers to quickly review their business interruption policies in light of today's decision and to promptly pay all valid claims.

"Given the disastrous impact of the pandemic on the pub trade, today's judgement will provide hope to many publicans all across the country," Mr. O'Keeffe concluded.